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The amendments to claims 1 and 48 involve only minor editorial revisions. Such amendments are supported by the originally filed claims.

Claims 1, 14, 16, 37 to 49, 70 and 71 were allowed (see item no. 8 at the middle of page 5 of the Office Action).

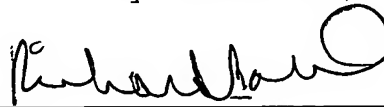
Rejected claims 50 to 64 were canceled hereinabove.

With respect of Rule 116, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested, since such amendments serve to place the application in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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